A MESSAGE FROM A COMMITTEE OF BOTH HOVSES OF PARliament, to the Spaniſh Ambaſſador, to make ſtay of Ships at Dunkerk, intended for the ſupply of the Rebels in Ireland.

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VVhereunto is added, The Spaniſh Ambaſſadors Anſwer.

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A Meſſage from a Committee of both Houſes of Parliament, to the Spaniſh Ambaſſador, to make ſtay of Ships at Dunkerk, intended for the ſupply of the Rebels in Ireland.

THe Lords and Cõmons have commanded us, to intimate to the Spaniſh Ambaſſador, the advertiſement that they have received of certain Ships lying in *Dunkerk*, laded with Ammunition, ready to take ſaile, intended

for the relief of the Rebels of *Ireland*: This they hold contrary to the Articles agreed upon, in the Treaties of Peace between the two Crowns; And therefore the Ambaſſador is to be moved from both Houſes, to ſend ſpeedily to *Dunkerk*, and to all other His Majeſties Dominions, and unto the King his Maſter, to make ſtay of thoſe, and all ſuch Ships, as may carry any ſupply of Men, Victuals, Money, or any other aid to His Majeſties Subjects, that at this preſent are in Rebellion in *Ireland*; VVhich otherwiſe will be underſtood to be Breach of the Treaties, between the Crowns of *England* and *Spain*, and ſo reſented by the Parliament.

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The Spaniſh Ambaſſadors Anſwer to the Meſſage from a Committee of both Houſes of Parliament.

THe Lord Ambaſſador of *Spain*, *Don Allanſon de Cardenas* having underſtood what the Lord *Fielding*, of the Lords Houſe, and Sir *Thomas Barrington* Baronet, and Sir *Iohn Holland* Baronet of the Houſe of Commons, All three Commiſſaries from the Parliament, have ſaid in behalf of both Houſes, concerning the advertiſement given them, that in the Haven of *Dunkerk* there were certain Ships laded with Ammunition, ready to take ſail, intended for the relief of the Rebels of *Ireland*, which they hold contrary to the Articles of Peace between the two Crowns. And that they required he ſhould ſend to *Dunkerk*, and all other His Majeſties Dominions, And that he ſhould write unto the King His Maſter to make ſtay of thoſe and all ſuch Ships, as may carry ſupply of Powder, Victuals, Money, or any other ayde to His Majeſties Subjects, that at this

preſent are in Rebellion in *Ireland*; becauſe otherwiſe it would be underſtood to be a breach of the Treaties between the two Crowns, and ſo reſented by the Parliament. The ſaid Ambaſſador of *Spain* anſwered, That beſides the underſtanding, which he hath of the King His Maſters minde and intention to conſerve the friendſhip which he profeſſeth with His Majeſty of great *Britain*, he hath expreſſe and moſt particular notice, that the Ships which are now in *Dunkerk* Haven laded with Souldiers and Ammunition and ready to ſail, neither are for *Ireland*, nor were they provided for any ſuch purpoſe, And that this notice was given him by *Don Franciſco de Melo* Earl of *Aſſumar*, Governour and Caprain Generall of the States of *Flaunders*, whom the reſident of His Majeſty of great *Britain*, that aſsiſts in *Bruſſels*, aſſured that he is fully ſatisfied of their not going for *Ireland*, as is alſo His King, who ſignified ſo much unto him in a Letter, in which he likewiſe commanded him to thanke the ſaid *Don Franciſco de Melo*, for denying leave, which certain Iriſh ſerving in thoſe States, had asked to return to their Countrey, which he denyed; to avoide all ſuſpition, Notwithſtanding their end for asking it, was

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unknown. The ſame aſſurance did the ſame Ambaſſador give unto the Commiſſaries aforeſaid of the Parliament, concerning the mentioned Ships in *Dunkerk* laden with Ammunition, and Souldiers, that they are not for *Ireland*; And he profered to write to *Dunkerk*, and all other Parts of *Flaunders* and Dominions of the King His Maſter; and particularly to his Catholike Majeſtie, to the end, That the obſervance of the Articles of Peace, which hitherto have been ſo religiouſly obſerved of the King His Maſters part, and His Subjects may be continued; and that new and ſtrait Orders be given, That no Subject of his Catholike Majeſtie, ſhall dare violate them, ſending any kinde of aydes to foſter the inſurrection in *Ireland*, under pain of the puniſhment impoſed upon the tranſgreſſors. And the ſaid Ambaſſador to manifeſt the ſincerity of his heart, profered to ſolicite it with the readieſt and moſt forcible meanes that lay in his power, hoping (as in reaſon he ſhould) that his Majeſtie of great *Britany*, and the Parliament, will for their part punctually obſerve the ſame in the aforeſaid comformity towards the Rebels of the King his Maſter, not permitting any kindes of ſuccour or aſsiſtance in whatſoever qualitie to be

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afforded them, from theſe Kingdoms. Renewing for this effect all requiſite Orders unto the Officers and Ports of the ſaid Kingdoms, chaſtiſing the tranſgreſsors of what is ſetled in the Peace, with the puniſhments contained in the Articles of it; that ſo by reciprocall obſervance, the good correſpondencie, which is at this preſent betwixt theſe two Crowns of Spain and England, may be aſſuredly maintained.

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